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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

Subject: Dr. Kissinger and Argentina

During Henry Kissinger's visit to Argentina for the World Cup he acknowledged Argentina's special problems of terrorism although he stated that methods used in fighting terrorism must not be perpetuated. The Ambassador also reports that Henry said he would speak out against the concept of attempting to implement human rights in Latin America although he would wait about two weeks after his return before doing so.

We can expect a sharp reaction from Argentina to our refusal to proceed with military training in view of their unsatisfactory invitation to the Inter-American Human Rights Commission. It would undoubtedly create something of a furor in the press if right at this time Henry should criticize our actions.

I suggest that as soon as he returns I try to see him, brief him fully on where we stand on human rights in Argentina and see whether we can enlist his cooperation rather than opposition in persuading the Argentines to move forward.

David D. Newsom

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Mr. Christopher

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